confidential.

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Geol 143-16.
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" 98-17 (1-2)
" 98-17 (3-7)

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# GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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*Serial Nos.* 11

**Part B for** August 21.

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SUBJECT.

Question of forming a syndicate to prospect for gold in Cis-Sutlej

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

( Geol )

NOTES

File No. 60-17

FILE HEADING.

Question of forming a syndicate for prospecting for gold in this State.

From

| No. | Dated | Received |
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| Diary No. | Enclos. | Spare Copies. | Serial No. |
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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

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Extract from page 8 of the notes of Geol collection 60-17-H.

Matter (Question of forming a syndicate for prospecting for gold in this State) may lie over 6 months. To be brought up once in 6 months in January and July.

(Intd) C. S. B.
13-9-17.



WD 1232—GPB—20,000—18-11-16

W1 1233—GPB—60,000—1-12-16—S.

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GMR 1085-17

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2) Submitted with reference to the above paragraph.

4 AS 28-1-18.

3) Shuttleworth) 28/1/18

4) The matter may perhaps be taken up in July after Dr Smeeth's return.

219 9.2.18.

2nd member) 5) Yes 9/2/18

This has come yesterday also / the is Case

Repr- Please Take action as personally instructed to see that all confl files are sent in boxes- submit an office memo for guidance of Supdt 14/2/18

Submitted with reference to paragraphs 4 & 5 supra.

Dr Smeeth is on deputation now.

may be taken up after Dr. Smeeth's return

4 AS 15-7-18.

Ch. Secy) 17-7-18

Please bring up in Sept.

5/8/18

Extract taken and separately submitted

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Subd Secy
Pse you

Submitted
HHS
2-9-18.

Please bring up on 15th Nov

HK
Yes
Pse
You

Submitted
15. 11. 1918
Chief Secretary)
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13/15th Dec

15/4

Submitted
HHS.
11-12-18

Subd Sec
Pse

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15 Dr Smeeth's proposal in regard to the Gold Syndicate was first made in September 1916. If he might have discussed it with the Companies in Tyre when he was there, he may be asked to make any further remarks he might wish to make on the subject at present.

Sd/-
25/12/16

Second member)

2586-236.
26.12.16.

If Dr Smeeth may be asked [D.O. letter marked "Confidential"] if he has any information to furnish to Govt in the matter now. On receipt of his comments I shall indicate what further action if any may be taken

Sd/-
27.12.16

Branch Off
Sd/-
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7 Dft do letter subd for appl

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(Ch Secy)

18 Issue

Sd/-
7/1/17

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| 5 | From To<br>The Director mines and Geology<br>Letter no G 13972 d/ 10-1-1919<br>Enquires whether he can furnish any further information regarding the Betavaryeswaram Mine and as regards the formation of a gold syndicate |
| 6 | From<br>The Director mines & geology<br>D. O. Letter no 1826 d/ 10-1-1919<br>States that he has not taken any further action in the matter and proposes that the subject may be discussed by the Committee for the Exploitation of minerals<br>Chief Secy's order on Papers under disposal.<br>(19) " Submit to member<br>2nd C.S.B<br>11-1-19. |
| | 13.1.19<br>(To Second Member)<br>3062-27<br>16-1-19<br>21 If the Secretary approves the matter may next be discussed in Council Dr. Smeeth & Mr. Rangaswami Ayyangar being both absent the present<br>Reed<br>18.1.19.<br>22 The matter is being discussed at the<br>Mine<br>15/1/19 |



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Committee appointed to consider the exploitation of minerals -

To be discussed in Council after the committee's report is received -

4020-85
20-1-19

2nd member

CBX
18/1/19
Rec
18/1/19

24 I shall be glad to know when this report may be expected. It seems to me that the Committee has had sufficient time to meet, discuss, & decide.

Rec
22.1.19

25 The committee met first on the 7th last & might have to meet twice or thrice more and the report may perhaps be expected about the middle of February. May the report be awaited? Your orders.

Rec
25/1

4135-200
27-1-19

Second Member) 26 Yes. I hope it may be found possible for the Committee to submit their report by the end of April next.

Rec
25.2.19

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MINOR Depts.
3 MAR 1919

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## Routine Notes.

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[To be used only for notes, requisitions, etc., not intended for permanent record.]

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The alternative proposal promised by Mr Smellie regarding the question of State participation in Mining Industry has not been received. Adroft reminder is submitted.

AHS 2-1-20. 28 June

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To the Director, Dept of Mines & Geology as Special duty

G 15424 dt 8-1-20 the alternative

requests that his proposal promised by him in the matter of State participation in Mining Industry may be submitted for orders of Govt early

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CHIEF SECRETARIAT. IV MINOR Depts. 12 JAN 1920 Dept

The alternative proposals in the question have not yet been received. A draft Reminder is submitted

AHS 9-2-20

Issue 9/2/20.

Issued G. 18239 7-1

*N.B.*—Should routine notes be written on small slips, the notes must be copied, or slips pasted on this form.

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Immediately at Seattle has not
yet been received

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(For Disposal at a Meeting) No. C. 618

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# GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Council Matter.

## SUBJECT.

Clause xii of the schedule.

Proposals in connection with a Gold Prospecting Syndicate for Mysore.

## CIRCULATED TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

By Order,

C S Balasundaram
*Chief Secretary to Government.*

..... 26th April ..... ...19...20.

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Extraordinary Member of Council.

First Member of Council. Seen.

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6-5-020.
Second Member of Council. opinion recorded
Peel
7.5.20

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29.4.20
Third Member of Council. Seen by the Member
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General and Revenue Secretariat. | Geol File No. 66 of 1917-18

Serial No.

8 From the Director, Dept of Mines & Geology on Special duty
- No 233 dt 14-2-20.
Submits his proposals & suggestions on the subject of a Gold Prospecting Syndicate for Mysore. Chief Secretary's remarks.

2 Confidential & urgent

3 Assistant Secretary. Please put up with references early.

(Intd) B.C.S.

3 Submitted with references.

AKS. 16-2-20. (Chief Secy) DCS 26/2/20.

3 May be considered in Council at an early meeting.

1st member / Dewan 27/2/20

3 I am requested to say on behalf of the Council that they have faith in Mr Inchcape to inspire real Gold mining

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The papers in this connection were submitted to the Committee vide Appt dt 4932 Asst Secy to the Dewan.

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General and Revenue Secretariat. | Cent. File No. 60 of 1917

| | Serial No. | |
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| | | Submitted with a draft to the Director. Kind attention is also invited to paragraphs 2 & 4 of the Residency Letter dy 4-11-09 |
| E | | Addl. 3-3-20. Issue 5/3/20. |
| | | Issued G. 22680 dy 6.3.1920 |
| Sub A | 9 | To the Director, Dept of Geology |
| | | G 22680 dy 6-3-20. |
| | | Requests that files of papers relating to the powers of interference which the Govt of India have in Mysore over Gold mining matters formerly for reference |
| | | Submitted with a draft memo. |
| | | Addl 26-3-20. Issue 26/3/20. |
| | | Issued G. 22548 dy 31-3-20 |
| | 10 | From the Director, Dept of Geology |
| | | No 2142 dy 30-3-20 / 5-4-20 |
| | | Forwards the files of papers relating to certain powers of interference which the Govt of India have in connection with Gold mining in Mysore together with a brief note on the subject. |
| | | Submitted with reference to paragraph 7 above. |
| | | Addl. 10-4-20. The Note which accompanies the Director's communication explains the position clearly. According to it, the right of interference by the |

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Govt. of India in respect of Mining Leases in Mysore is confined to the following :—

1) The sanction of the Govt. of India is to be obtained for the grant of leases which are not in accordance with the Rules approved by them ;

2) Similar sanction is to be obtained when the area to be granted to any one person or company exceeds the limit of 10 square miles.

3180/12/4

1st Member.) 12/4/20

HD may be pleased to see the Chief Secy's letter dated 7th inst. & Mr. Smith's & Mr. Ibbetson's Report mentioned above since Besides I don't know if Govt. can throw away 5-lacs now - on speculative enterprises

Dewan) 13.4

HD 13/4

Circulate.

Come with P.T.

20.4.20

C.S. C.S.

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(G.O.C. No. 68).

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14) I am not in favour of Govt. Embarking on Speculative Enterprises of the kind; Particularly in partnership with any firm, with its Hd Qrs outside the State. The present gold mining Enterprise at Kolar is entirely in the hands of a private Syndicate & while the State runs no risks Whatsoever while it is a gainer to the Extent of the royalties &c obtainies on the concessions granted. As regards the Iron Scheme in which the State has entered into a sort of partnership with a big firm. The profits are problematical, While the ~~possibilities~~ risk of loss do not appear so. For many reasons it is inconvenient for a State, with a Recognised financial policy, to embark on schemes of the kind & of taking part. All factors considered I am opposed to any Scheme, which is speculative in its nature. & more so. When it is a sort of partnership with a private Syndicate. Recent Experiences in the above advances countries of the best have made it clear that Govt cannot undertake ~~financial~~ commercial undertakings on a business, or profitable, basis. Rec'd 7.6.20

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Proposals in connection with a Gold Prospecting Syndicate for Mysore.

Opinion of the Council

1/7/20.
4/ Partly considered.
maybe further considered
after hearing Messrs John Taylor & Sons
4/ Bring up in Oct. a Nov.

cox

Sec P

cox

Sub B.I
Sec Advr
cox 3/7/20

(For Disposal at a Meeting) D 5

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

**Council Matter.**

SUBJECT.

(Clause xii of the Schedule.)

Reply to be sent to Messrs. John Taylor and Sons re: the Gold Prospecting Syndicate for Mysore.

CIRCULATED TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

By Order,

C S Srinivasa Iyengar
*Chief Secretary to Government.*

.....1st October ...19..20.

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**Extraordinary Member of Council.**

**First Member of Council.** Seen.

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-6-10-20. **Second Member of Council.** Seen 7.10.20.

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2.10.20 **Third Member of Council.** 4/10/20

A. R. BANERJI, ESQ., C.I.E., I.C.S.
(MEMBER OF COUNCIL.)
Offg. Dewan.

Section: .....
File No: .....
Serial No: —

**MEMORANDUM.** No.....

Dated 1st September 1920.

Memo No. 61.

Gool 60-17.

.....Secretariat.

Copy of letter dated the 1st Sept. 1920. from Mr. Bosworth Smith in the matter of gold prospecting and mining in Mysore.

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46

Forwarded with compliments to the Chief Secretary to Government, for putting up the file containing the notes of discussion with Mr. Henry Taylor.

The Chief Secretary,

with compliments.

47 The file about the formation of a syndicate to prospect is put up. 48 The note of the dis

Note.—Reply or action taken to be noted in the left margin.

discussion with Mr Taylor has

*Extract from the Proceedings of the* 544th *Meeting of the Council of His Highness the Maharaja, held at Mysore on the* 9th October 1920

154. Subject. - Clause xii of the schedule.

Reply to be sent to Messrs. John Taylor & Sons re: the Gold Prospecting Syndicate for Mysore.

(D.No.3422/Geol.)

OPINION OF THE COUNCIL.

Owing to the present financial situation it is undesirable to risk any State funds in this speculative venture. The matter may be brought up again 2 years hence. In the meanwhile Messrs. John Taylor & Sons may be addressed with a view to ascertain if they will undertake gold prospecting in the State on the terms of the "Hogarth concession"

(Signed) M. Kantaraj Urs,
Dewan of Mysore.

"EXTRACT"

*Chief Secretary to Government.*

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General and Revenue Secretariat. | GCS File No. 60 of 1917-18

Serial No.

To the Assistant Secretary, Branch (Finance Dept.)
for kindly submitting the file to the First Member of Council with a draft Final Note.

CBS
10/10/20

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Submitted with a D.F.N.

Asst. 17-10-20 bly

5 cd G.I. file 82-19 & the Submission note referred to in paragraph 48 above have been obtained & put up. These papers relate to the payment of royalty & the price of electric power in India instead of in London. The notes of discussion with Mr. Taylor are put up. (vide Flag Z). A revised D.F.N. is submitted.

see detached.

Asst. 4-11-20. bly

58
Please put up a clean copy as revised.

DCS 5/11/20.

59
Submitted with a Typed copy of D.F.N. for approval.

Asst 6-11-20. bly

(1st Member)

DCS 6/11/20

Ng/11

60 D.S.N. please.

Asst

61
Submitted with a D.S.N. for approval

DCS 8/11/20.

Asst. 8-11-20 bly

Chief Secy)

DCS 8/11/20

Secy

CBS
10/11/20

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## Final Note by the First Member of Council.

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**Subject:—**

QUESTION OF FORMING A SYNDICATE TO PROSPECT FOR GOLD IN THE STATE.

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The question of tapping the resources of gold in the Kolar Gold Field and other areas in the State has engaged the attention of Government for several years past. Over 27 years ago, about the year 1893, Page; 142 one Mr Francis Hogarth of London, applied to Government for permission to prospect for gold and other minerals in the State and stated that, if suitable concessions were offered to him, he would raise the necessary capital and also float a syndicate to carry on the work. After some correspondence with the Government of India through the Residency, some con- G1 PP. 34-35 cessions were offered to Mr. Hogarth in the year 1896 and four years later, after some protracted correspondence, revised concessions were offered and a draft embodying the same was forwarded to him on 25th January G1 P 122 (M 10) 1910 for his opinion. The details of this concession as well as the previous and subsequent correspondence on the subject are contained in the G1 printed collection placed in the file. Mr. Hogarth acknowledged receip of the draft on 16th February 1910 and stated that it was receiving his G1 P 133 (M 18) attention but though it is over 10 years now, no further communication on the subject has been received from him and it is not even known whethe he is still alive.

2. The question was again urged on the attention of Government in the A year 1916 by Mr. P. F. Bowring, Deputy Commissioner of Kolar, who submitted a Note of his observations in respect of a Gold Mine called the East Betarayaswami Gold Mine a few miles north of the Kolar Gold Field area. He explained in his Note that this Mine belonged to the Proprietors of the "Statesman" Newspaper of Calcutta, that it was worked up by a company formed by Messrs. John Taylor & Sons in 1914 but was given up after sp nding about £.11,000, that it was now available for sale and that, if the

if the idea commended itself to Government, it was desirable to have the matter investigated in consultation with the Director of Mines and Geology and the Chief Inspector of Mines and decide once for all whether it would be worth the while of Government to spend a couple of lakhs of rupees to find out whether the concern would be a profitable one or not.

3. The Director of Mines and Geology, and the Chief Inspector of Mines were accordingly consulted in the matter and their opinion was to the effect that the chances of success in re-opening the said mine were very meagre. Dr. Smeeth at the same time proposed an alternative scheme for starting a large prospecting Syndicate or Company with the whole of Mysore as its field of operations in the search for gold, such a company having a working capital of £ 100,000 of which £ 50,000 might be subscribed by Government and the balance by others, the whole management being placed under Messrs. John Taylor & Sons, whose knowledge and experience of Indian and especially Mysore conditions placed them in a peculiarly favourable position. He also offered to discuss the matter with John Taylor & Son during his visit to England and suggested that in the meantime no further leases or licenses for gold should be granted to any one. The consideration of the question was however postponed and with the approval of His Highness confidential instructions were issued to the Director of Geology in January 1918 that, pending the decision of Government on the question, no prospecting licenses or mining leases should be granted for gold.

4. On his return from England & America, Dr. Smeeth was asked in January 1919 to report whether he had any further suggestions to offer in the matter. The question was, as suggested by him, referred to the Committee appointed by Government to consider the question of exploitation of minerals in the State. Dr. Smeeth placed before that Committee a note on the distribution of gold ore and prospecting and mining operations carried on and the amount of money spent in that connection, which showed that the results obtained had not been encouraging. This Committee thereupon expressed the opinion that the question as to whether Government money to the extent of about 5 lakhs might be spent on

gold prospecting when the chances of success were so few was one entire ly for the consideration of Government. Dr. Smeeth who was one of the Members of the Committee suggested in the course of the discussion the possible alternative of the Kolar companies which so far had shown them selves very sound workers being given a monopoly of all available gold deposits in the State on condition that in the event of prospecting ending with any success and of workable deposits of gold being discover ed and a company being floated for working the same, Government should be given in consideration of the monopoly a certain percentage of the shares of such company. The Committee thereupon proposed that Dr. Smeeth might prepare a note on the lines suggested and submit the alter native schemes for the orders of Government.

Post II 5. Dr. Smeeth accordingly drew up an alternative scheme and addressed Government on the subject in his letter dated 13th February 1920. The main suggestions contained in his letter were the following:-

1) Messrs. John Taylor & Sons might be approached with a view to the formation of a Syndicate for prospecting for gold in Mysore;

2) The Syndicate might be offered the exclusive right of selection of gold blocks for a period of say 3 years instead of the terms of the Hogarth concession which granted only the right to select during a period of 2 years some 20 blocks only, and also the right to explor the whole country with the exception of blocks already granted and the right to take out within that period 10 prospecting blocks, under the revised rules for the grant of licenses and leases.

6. The question was considered at a Meeting of the Council held on 9th October 1920 and it was resolved:-

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(1) that, owing to the present financial situation, it was undesirable to risk any State Funds in this speculative venture;

(2) that the matter may be brought up again two years hence &

(3) that in the meanwhile, Messrs. John Taylor & Sons might be addressed with a view to ascertain if they will undertake gold

prospecting in the State on the terms of the "Hogarth concession.

The recommendation of the Council may be graciously approved.

Bangalore.
8th November 1920.

MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

64 *Submitted to His Highness.*

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I submit herewith a Final Note by the First Member of Council on the question of forming a Syndicate to prospect for gold in the State, for His Highness' gracious approval

12th Nov. 1920

Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

## *Subject.*

Question of forming a Syndicate to prospect for gold in the State.

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65 *Order.*

~~KRW~~

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31. All urgent or confidential files returned with His Highness' orders may, in the absence of instructions or indications to the contrary, be ordinarily circulated to the Members of Council for perusal after the issue of orders.

33. The Secretaries concerned should see that orders in the cases referred to above are issued at once and that the files are returned immediately after to the Chief Secretary for circulation to the Members.

34. In all other cases, the files will first be circulated to the Members of Council at headquarters and then sent to the Secretariat concerned for the issue of orders.

67 Circulated to the Members of Council for perusal of His Highness' orders ~~before~~ / after issue of orders. (*Vide* Rules 31, 33 and 34 of the Subsidiary Rules for the conduct of business of Council in the Manual of Council Rules and Procedure.)

C. Balasundaram
*Chief Secretary to Govt.*

Through the Secretary to Government,

.....Department.

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FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL

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SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL

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THIRD MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

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Please put up a Draft to Jondaylatan.

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R. S. III-21

General and Revenue Secretariat. | Geo File No. 60 of 1917-18.

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72 Submitted with a draft as directed

HHS 3-12-20

73 Please put up a clean copy as revised

DCS 4/12/20.

74 Submitted with a typed copy of the draft as revised for approval.

HHS 4-12-20

Chief Secy.) DCS 6/12/20.

75 As discussed with Secy please put up in person

7/12

76 A Revised draft as per personal instructions is put up for approval. The linked file contains discussions with Mr. Henry Taylor about payment of royalty in India but nothing about gold prospecting and mining.

Chief Secy.) DCS 17/12/20

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For approval 1st member

21/12

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G. R. S. III-2.

General and Revenue Secretariat. | Coll File No. 60 of 1917-18

Serial No.

12 To the Secretary Messrs John Ty
G. 12375 dy 24-12-20
Forwards a copy of what is known as Hafrath Concession & request.
[illegible] of Company in regard to gold prospecting Syndicate may be communicated to the Durbar

C.S. Deptt 1-21

Sub A

To The Director of Mines & Geology
The Director, Dept. of Geology
The Chief Inspector of Mines in Mysore.
G 12376-8 dy 24-12-20.
Forwards a copy of the above

13. From The Secretary, Messrs John Taylor & Sons Committee
Letter dy 30-12-1920.
Acknowledges the receipt of Sl No 12 & states that the matter has been referred to Messrs John Taylor & Sons London & will also be brought before Mr. Arthur Taylor on his arrival at Kolar.
Submitted for kind perusal C.
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AHS 3-1-21 (1st Member) DCS 3/1/21.

9b 4/1

14 From The Secretary & Treasurer
Messrs John Taylor & Sons Committee
Letter dy 6-7-21
Forwards a copy of letter dy 16-6-21 received from Messrs John Taylor & Sons expressing their views regarding gold prospecting in the Kolar & the terms offered by Govt & requests an acknowledgment
Submitted for orders.
AHS 14-7-21. 14.7.21

Mr A Hs
Sir A

C.S.: Ind on "Exc." from 10th to 13th insts.

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Govt's participation in any such schemes would mean the investment of atleast Rs 5 to 10 lakhs which may not be possible to find at present.
The papers may perhaps be deposited for the present

Mde
17.7.21

Secretary
18th inst

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17/7.

860-127
4.8.21

In view of the reply received from John Taylor & Sons. I do not think any further action is called for in making efforts at present. The file may be submitted for the information of the Dewan

Genl
6.8.21.

Dewan

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Mcm 9/8

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G. R. S. III-2,

General and Revenue Secretariat. | Geol File No. 60 of 1917

| Serial No. | |
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| | Submitted into a deofr. AHS 16-8-21 |
| 15 | To The Secretary & Treasurer Messrs John Taylor & Sons Committee No 1182 D 22-8-21 Acknowledges the receipt of PC no 14 expressing the views of Messrs John Taylor & Sons regarding the question of prospecting for gold in the State. May this file be closed for the present? Submitted for orders. AHS 23-8-21. |

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Govt File No. 6017
Serial No. 5

*Diary No. of letter replied to*

General and Revenue Secretariat
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, *the* 191 .

No. C/13972
cus no bile & mfg no 118
no 195 of 1906-07. 4-9-16

To

The Director of I.S.

Date of issue 10.1.17

Signed by [illegible]

Dear Sir,

I am desired to invite ~~your~~ attention to your do letter no 733 dated 2.9.16 regarding the Balaraja Swami mine and making certain proposals in regard to the formation of a Gold Syndicate in which Govt might take part and to enquire if you have any further information to furnish to Govt now. The questions

*over.*

SUBJECT.

has been lying over for some
time and they would like to
have your views on the scheme
at present before coming to
a decision regarding it.
I am to request the favour
of an early reply.

Yours truly,

(Chief Secy)

30/12

*List of enclosures.*

*Copied by*

*Examined by*

GPB—25,000—4-3-13

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D.O. No.1826

Geol 60-17-6

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND GEOLOGY,
MYSORE STATE.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Bangalore, 10th January 1919

Dear Sir,

In reply to your D.O. letter No.G.13972/Geol.60-17-5, dated 10th January 1919, regarding the East Betarayaswami Mine and the question of the formation of a Gold Syndicate, in which Government might take part, I have not taken any further action in the matter as I had not had any reply from Government as to how they viewed my proposals. I think it is a subject which might be discussed by the Committee on the Policy of Government regarding exploitation of minerals.

Yours sincerely,

C.S.Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

*N.B.—Should routine notes be written on small slips, the notes must be copied or slips pasted on this form.*

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State Participation in Lining.

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A suggestion regarding the participation of the State in gold mining work was made by me in a letter to the General Secretary No.733, dated 2nd September 1916.

In January 1919, the Chief Secretary enquired whether I had any further suggestion to offer and on my recommendation, it was decided that the matter should be brought before the Committee on the exploitation of minerals. The following note is for the consideration of the Committee.-

Before going into details I propose to offer a few remarks on the general position.

For many years a larger part of my own time and of that of the officers of the Geological Department has been devoted to a study of the auriferous rocks of Mysore. The mode of occurrence and distribution of gold in the State was closely studied and fresh areas and lines of old workings were discovered. A very large amount of money, probably exceeding Rs.30 Lakhs, has been expended in prospecting all the promising localities but in spite of this no payable deposit of ore has been discovered.

The gold has been found to be widely distributed in in certain classes of rock, but the distribution of the gold is so erratic and discontinuous that the cost of prospecting and working has proved to be prohibitive.

It must be recognized that prospecting for gold has been given away a very extended and costly trial and that the results obtained have not been encouraging.

There is of course a chance that further work might reveal

reveal, somewhere or other, a payable body of ore, but in most cases such work would have to be taken up in succession to work which has already been done and which has, so far, proved unsuccessful and this mean deeper and more extended exploitation and consequently greater expense for plant and operation.

For the State to embark on gold mining at this stage means the putting up of a considerable sum of money as a speculation in which the chances of success must be regarded as small.

I have no wish to be unduly pessimistic, but we must not shut our eyes to the larger expenditure which has already been incurred without success and the extended scientific and technical investigation which has been made.

Prospectors are proverbially optimistic and it is this happy frame of mind which leads, through many failures & disappointments, to the occasional plum which catches public attention and puts money into somebody's pocket.

It is very probable that people will be willing to come forward and spend more money on prospecting for gold in Mysore when capital becomes easier to obtain and working expenses fall to more reasonable limits and it is for the Committee to consider how such further enterprise may be encouraged and how far it would be wise and politic for the State to take a hand in contributing to the expenditure and sharing in the success or failure of the venture.

If Government are prepared to embark money on such an enterprise the soundest scheme would be for them to take advantage of Messrs. John Taylor & Sons great experience of

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I would suggest that a Syndicate might be formed with a working capital of Rs.10 lakhs of which the Mysore Government would contribute Rs.5 lakhs and Messrs. John Taylor & Sons' clients the other 5 lakhs.

The Syndicate would have a monopoly of the right to explore for gold (subject of course to all vested interests and existing rights) and to select Prospecting Blocks during a period of 10 years.

The Syndicate shall also have the power to acquire by purchase, option or otherwise existing rights from those possessing them.

Within this period of 10 years the Syndicate to have the right to select Mining Blocks and to obtain mining leases therefor, under the Rules in force for the grant of Licenses and leases, up to a total limit of 5 square miles.

Each Mining Block to be limited, except with the special sanction of Government to an area of half a square mile along the strike of the veins.

The number of Mining Blocks to be taken up on a prospecting block is not limited.

Within two years of obtaining any Mining Lease the Syndicate shall form a working Company to take over and work the Mining Block.

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The prospecting work shall be carried on under the general management of Messrs. John Taylor & Sons but the Working Companies shall be at liberty to make their own arrangements as regards management.

The prospecting work shall be under the supervision and control of a Board of Management consisting of an equal number of representatives of the Mysore Government and of Messrs. John Taylor & Sons' clients and in the event of an equal division of votes in any matter of development or operation Messrs. John Taylor & Sons shall have a casting vote.

Although we have no reason to anticipate a dead-lock in the Board of Management in regard to the desirability of acquiring or prospecting any particular block or in regard to the terms upon which any Mining Lease should be transferred to a working Company it is desirable to make provision therefor and in my opinion the only workable and satisfactory arrangement would be to provide for alternate action on the part of the two parties in the Syndicate. A few illustrations of my meaning may be given.

If the Board of Management cannot agree, by a majority, as to the desirability of taking up any Prospecting Block or of acquiring any existing concession then whichever of the two parties to the Syndicate is in favour of taking up the work that party shall be at liberty to do so independently of the Syndicate and the concession shall be dealt with under the ordinary rules for gold mining concession in Mysore and will be excluded from the monopoly or sphere of action of the Syndicate.

Again, if the Board of Management cannot agree as to the terms and conditions upon which any Mining Lease should be transferred to a Working Company or as to the constitution

and character of the Company, Messrs. John Taylor & Sons shall have a casting vote and the decision so reached shall be accepted as the decision of the Board and acted upon.

Similarly the Mysore Government shall have a casting vote in regard to the disposal of the next Mining Lease in regard to which the Board of Management fails to arrive, normally, at an agreement and so on alternately whenever failure to agree leads to a dead-lock.

Another way to work would be to agree definitely that disposal of the first lease both as regards constitution of the Company, management and terms should be left to the decision of Messrs. John Taylor & Sons' clients - the second lease to the decision of the Mysore Government and so on alternately, but, on the whole, I think it would be better to give the Syndicate as a whole at least a first chance of coming to an agreement on each case. Experience in such matters is not readily acquired and from our knowledge of Messrs. John Taylor & Sons we should be safe in assuming that the business would be conducted, under their advice, on sound lines and with a view to a steady development of mining work in the best interests of the shareholders of the Syndicate.

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It is desirable that the operations of the Syndicate should provide a training ground for Mysoreans who may wish to take up mining work. Training on prospecting operations and the opening up of comparatively small scale work would be infinetely more instructive and practical than attendance at big working mines like those of Kolar where every thing is already in full swing. It will be a rather difficult matter to arrange on any definite lines, but it may be stipulated that Government shall have the right to depute selected

students

students for training on the various works carried on by the Syndicate. The Syndicate might provide accomodation for them and as they become useful give them some small pay which would be increased according to their capacity and usefulness until they are in a position to undertake responsible work. Men who do not prove useful and efficient cannot of course be kept on at the expense of the Syndicate and the decision in all cases must rest with the Superintendent in charge subject to confirmation by the Board of Management, but if any of our Mysoreans show capacity for such work there should be no real difficulty in arranging that a certain number would find employment. Further, on such Mining Blocks as may be leased to companies, the constitution of which may ultimately be determined by the casting vote of the Mysore Government, as outlined above, opportunities would be provided for securing to Mysoreans a larger share in the control and management than Messrs. John Taylor & Sons might be disposed to allow if the shareholders and directors of such company are satisfied.

The scheme outlined above requires the general approval of Government to the expenditure of Rs.5 lakhs, as proposed. If Government are willing to provide this money for such a purpose and approve of the other suggestions, the scheme may be forwarded to Messrs. John Taylor & Sons for their opinion and suggestions and if they are willing to entertain it the matter may be discussed in greater detail and put into more definite form.

Director,

11th July 1910. Dept.of Mines & Geology.

G R. S. VI—G/32]

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*Signed by*..... W DCS

Section Geol
File No. 60-17
Serial No. 766

No. 15424

To The Director, Dept of Mines & Geology on Special duty.

Sir,

I am directed to State that the committee appointed to consider the question of mineral exploitation in the State have submitted with their report a note regarding the question of State participation in Mining Industry and stated that an alternative proposal as to subject would be submitted by you and to request that your proposal in the matter may kindly be forwarded early for orders of Govt.

submitted separately.

Yours faithfully,
for Secretary to Govt.
Revenue & Forest Govt.

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No. 233/Geol.

5, St: Mark's Road.

Bangalore, 13th February, 1920.

From

Dr. W. F. SMEETH, M.A., D.Sc., B.E., &c.,
Director on Special Duty, Department of
Mines and Geology, Bangalore.

To

C. S. Balasundram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT, IV, MYSORE Depts. 14 FEB 1920

S i r,

In reply to your letter No.G.15424 dated 8th January 1920, I have the honour to offer the following suggestions on the subject of a Gold Prospecting Syndicate for Mysore.

Many years ago proposals for the grant of a large prospecting concession to Mr. Hogarth were discussed and formulated. Revised proposals in regard to this concession were forwarded to Mr. Hogarth with my letter No.C9-1649 dated 25th January 1910 and these revised proposals are printed on pp.124-130 of the enclosed compilation. Nothing has since been heard from Mr.Hogarth with regard to his opinion of the revised terms nor his willingness to proceed further in the matter and I do not even know if he is yet alive.

So far as I am aware there is nothing to debar Government from considering the grant of a concession to any other party and I suggest that Messrs.John Taylor & Sons might be approached with a view to the formation of a Syndicate for prospecting for Gold in Mysore and that

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advantage might be taken of the presence of Mr. Henry Taylor to have an informal discussion on the subject. Mr. Taylor is at present in India and will be back on the Kolar Field in March 1920.

The revised concession, above referred to, might be forwarded to Mr. Henry Taylor for information and consideration and he might be invited to meet the Officers of Government on his return to Mysore next month for an informal discussion with a view to ascertaining his opinion.

The revised concession has been carefully considered and has been largely approved by the Government of India but the final decision of the Government of India has not been received. The last few letters of the enclosed compilation show that the terms of the revised concession have not been submitted to the Government of India pending receipt of Mr. Hogarth's opinion and this has not been received.

Mr. Henry Taylor may be informed that in the event of negotiations being entered into formally the terms of a n y concession which may be mutually agreed upon would have to be submitted to the Government of India for their approval and that the conclusion of any agreement in the grant of any concession would depend on the sanction of the Government of India thereto being obtained.

It will save time and make for clearness and definiteness if the Draft of the Revised Hogarth concession is sent to Mr. Taylor but there are certain general modifications which I would now propose in view of the altered circumstances of the case. When the Hogarth concession was first discussed and formulated Mysore was to a large extent an unsurveyed and unprospected country and held out considerable prospects to a

a concessionaire. Since then much work has been done, much money spent and the areas which a concessionaire would have selected for operation have already been tried and found wanting. Various parties have taken out licenses and leases for Gold and spent their money on them unprofitably and in the majority of cases they have eventually gone to Messrs. John Taylor & Sons for further assistance.

Messrs. John Taylor & Sons are therefore intimately aware of the mining conditions and prospects and of the great difficulty there will be in raising capital for further work. It appears to me that it would help matters to make the concession somewhat more of a temporary monopoly by offering the Syndicate the exclusive right of selection of Gold blocks for a period of say three years instead of the terms of the Hogarth concession which grant only the right to select, during a period of two years, some 20 blocks the grant of any one of which may be refused by Government or any one of which might be snapped up by a Prospector applying under the ordinary rules for the grant of licenses and leases. Seeing that in the past most licensees and lessees have eventually gone to Messrs. John Taylor & Sons as the only people who are in a position to raise the funds needed for carrying on work and have given them options over their blocks on certain terms, it is obvious that it would be to the advantage both of Government and of the Syndicate that the blocks should be dealt with directly between Government and the Syndicate instead of through the medium of third parties who may secure leases and licenses.

For these reasons I would offer the Syndicate exclusive rights to gold for a period of three years during which time they would have the right to explore the whole country - with the exceptions of blocks already granted - and the right to

to take out, within that period 10 prospecting Blocks of not exceeding 4 sq. miles each under our revised rules for the grant of licenses and leases.

Each Prospecting License shall carry the right to select a Mining Block not exceeding ½ sq. mile in area and not more ~~#~~ than ½ mile in length along the strike of the reef and to obtain therefor, within a period of three years from the date of the Prospecting License, a Mining ~~Licence~~ Lease under the terms of the Revised Rules. The Syndicate may however select more than one Mining Block within the area of a Prospecting License provided that the total number of Mining blocks to be selected and leases granted therefor shall not exceed ten in number and provided that the total length along the reef of the Mining blocks selected within the area of any one Prospecting License shall not exceed two miles.

The formation of Mining Companies to work the Mining blocks and the distribution of profits or the disposal of the blocks to the Mining Companies shall be regulated in accordance with the terms of the Draft Hogarth Concession.

The concession will relate only to Gold but in the event of other minerals being discovered on any prospecting area or Mining Block the Licensee or Lessee shall be given the first refusal of a License or Lease in respect of the so discovered mineral.

If Government approve of these terms generally I suggest that a copy of the Revised Hogarth Concession be sent to Mr.Henry Taylor with a note of the modifications above proposed and that he be asked to meet certain selected officers of Government and favour them with his views at an informal discussion.

I have the honour to be,
S i r,
Your most obedient Servant,

G. R. S. VI—G/32]

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*Signed by*..... Hon. Sec.

**Section** Geol
**File No.** 60-17
**Serial No.** 9

No. G20680

To The Director, Dept of Geology

Sir,

I am directed to request that [illegible] of papers, if any, relating to the powers of interference of which the Govt of India have in Mysore over gold mining may kindly be forwarded to this office for reference [with a brief note on the subject very carefully written. They will be returned when done with.

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BANGALORE,.....30th....March....19 20

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DIARY NO. 17194

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FROM

B. JAYA RAM, ESQ., F. G. S.,

*Director, Mysore Geological Department.*

CHIEF SECRETARIAT
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MINOR Depts.
5 APR 1920

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TO

C.S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

SIR,

In compliance with your letter No.G.20680/Geol., dated 6th March 1920, I have the honor to forward herewith the marginally noted files of papers relating to certain powers of interference which the Govern ment of India have in connection with gold mining in Mysore, together with a brief note on the subject.

(1) File No.145/03/A-13C relating to the powers of the Durbar to deal with mining concessions in Mysore and to frame and amend rules therefor.

(2) File No.158/03/A relating to the submission of reports and particulars of certain classes of accidents in Mysore, to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

2. The files may kindly be returned to this office when don with.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

B. Jaya Ram

Director,

Mysore Geological Department.

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The only matter in respect of which the Government of India have certain powers of interference in connection with the gold mining in the State is in respect of the grant of mineral concessions in the State and the framing and amendment of rules therefor.

2. The question of the interference of the Government of India in this matter is one upon which there has been considerable discussion between the Durbar and the Residency since the 27th October 1898. Prior to that date and since the Rendition the Durbar framed and amended their own mining rules from time to time on their own authority and without the sanction of the Government of India. The advice and suggestions of the Honourable the Resident in Mysore was, however, obtained from time to time in connection with the revision of Rules.

3. The grant of certain concessions in respect of gold mining in Mysore was first made in February 1875 and the first set of rules for the grant of mining leases was issued by the Chief Commissioner in February 1881. These rules were in force on the date of the Rendition and shortly after the Rendition, the Durbar altered them in certain respects and issued a revised set of rules on the 26th July 1881. The Government of India disclaimed at that time any desire to discuss the terms upon which mining leases should be granted in Mysore, but commended the principles contained in the Government of India Rules (vide para 2 of letter No.962, dated

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28th July 1881, from the First Assistant to the Honourable the Resident in Mysore printed on page 2 of the Compilation with slip marked R.)

4. The Rules of 26th July 1881 were altered several times up to the 13th October 1897. After the issue of the revised rules of October 1897, a communication was received from the Residency in October 1898 to the effect that the Resident had informed the Government of India that it had been suggested to the Durbar in March 1895 that revised proposals should be formulated and sent up for submission to the Government of India and that strictly speaking, the Rules of October 1897 should have been so submitted.

5. Thereupon it was explained by the Dewan in his letter No.16 D, dated 18th December 1899 (paper with slip marked D,) to the Honourable the Resident in Mysore, that the suggestion made to the Durbar in March 1885 did not refer to the rules then in force for the grant of mining leases and prospecting licenses or to any future alterations in those rules but that it referred to a special large concession to a particular individual and involved large financial considerations and that as the Government of India did not approve of the proposed special concession, the matter was at once dropped by the Durbar. It was further observed by the Dewan that in accordance with the expressed declaration of the Government of India and the past usages, the Durbar were quite within their powers to frame or amend the rules without the previous sanction of the Government of India. With reference

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to these observations, the Dewan was informed in the First Assistant Resident's letter No.3257, dated 9th February 1900, that the Honourable the Resident understood that (a) the Dewan no longer maintained the contention that the framing of rules for the grant of mining leases and prospecting licenses in Mysore was a matter within the powers of the Mysore Government, that (b) such rules did not require the sanction of the Government of India and (c) that the Durbar recognised the necessity of submitting for the approval of the Government of India any changes which the Durbar might desire to make in the Mining Rules of the State. It was further stated that the Government of India had been so informed and that it did not seem necessary to further discuss the question.

6. Subsequently, the Rules of October 1897 were revised and the draft of the revised rules was submitted to the Government of India for sanction and published under Notification No.555-S, dated 2nd March 1904, with the sanction of the Government of India

7. In December 1906 the Rules of March 1904 were revised in respect of licenses and leases for Manganese and Chrome and a set of revised rules issued under Government Proceedings No.1292-1340, dated 4th December 1906 The previous approval of the Government of India was not obtained in this case, and the Honourable the Resident, therefore, took objection to the Durbar giving effect to the revised rules and suggested that the approval of the Government of India should be applied for officially in respect of the same.

8. Thereupon it was urged in letter No.2244, dated 22nd February 190" to the First Assistant to the Honourable the Resident in Mysore that the Durbar could not see on what grounds the Resident understood that the Durbar had acquisced in his observation that the Dewan no longer maintained the contention that the framing of rules for the grant of mineral licenses and prospecting licenses was a matter within the power of the Mysore Government and that such rules did not require the sanction of the Government of India. It was also explained that although the advice and suggestions of the Honourable the Resident in Mysore were freely sought for by the Durbar on several occasions in the past, such resort for advices and suggestions would not amount to a formal application for approval or sanction in every case for the modification of the rules or the new rules framed and a resonsideration of the subject was soliqited in the light of the arguments contained in the Dewan's letter No.16.D, dated 18th September 1899. Permission was also sought for at the same time to the disposal of all applications under the terms of the Rules of 4th December 1906, pending the reconsideration of the subject.

9. In reply to these representations, the Durbar were informed in letter No.1061, dated 1st March 1907, from the First Assistant to the Honourable the Resident in Mysore, that it was after a personal discussion with the Resident the acknowledgment by the Dewan(late Sir K. Sheshadri Iyer) of the obligation of the Durbar to refer to the Government of India any alterations made by them in

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in the mining rules was officially intimated to the Mysore Government and it was also suggested that the Durbar should at once make the necessary application for the sanction of the Government of India in respect of the rules for prospecting licenses and mining leases for manganese and chrome and that as regards the general question as to the competence of the Durbar to frame or amend their rules, a separate communication might be submitted with full explanation of the grounds on which a reconsideration of the orders of 1900 was desired.

10. The general question was accordingly raised in letter No.609, dated 25th August 1908, to the First Assistant to the Honourable the Resident in Mysore, with which the draft of the revised rules of March 1904 was submitted for the approval of the Government of India, and at the same time a clear definition was requested as to the scope of the mining concessions, in respect of which the previous sanction of the Government of India should be obtained and those which the Durbar might dispose of without previous reference to the Government of India, as well as permission for the Durbar to exercise a fair amount of liberty in dealing with the grant of mineral concessions on certain lines and within certain limits indicated in paragraphs 15 to 43 of that letter.

11. The draft rules submitted in 1908 were generally approved of by the Government of India. subject to the condition that mining leases covering a total area of more than ten square miles should not be granted to any one person or company without the previous sanction of the Government of India.

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The Government of India have also been pleased to authorise the Durbar to fix rents and royalties within the limits defined in letter No.609 dated 25th August 1908 and to modify the rules from time to time consistently with the principles laid down on the understanding that any new rules should be notified to the Honourable the Resident in Mysore. It has also been stipulated that the sanction of the Government of India should be obtained for the grant of leases which are not in accordance with the rules approved by them or where the area to be granted to any one person or Company exceeds the limit of ten square miles.(vide letter No.7159,dated 4th November 1909, from the First Assistant to the Honourable the Resident in Mysore.

12. The rules approved by the Government of India in 1909 were published by the Durbar under Notification No.800 dated 29th October 1910. Certain verbal alterations have since been made in these rules in consequence of the re-organization of this Department in 1915 and in pursuance of certain rules of the Government of India commended to the Durbar, and the existing rules are those prescribed by Notification No.G.3119-Geol.40-16-2, dated 5th September 1916. The right of interference now retained by the Government of India in regard to the disposal of mining concessions in Mysore is according to letter No.7159, dated 4th November 1909,from the First Assistant to the Honourable the Resident in Mysore that they require that their sanction should be obtained for the grant of leases which are not in accordance with the Rules approved by them or where the area to be granted to any one person or

Company

Company exceeds the limit of ten square miles.

13. In this connection it may also be noted that the Government of India require that, whenever accidents occur in Mines in the Mysore State which are of more than ordinary importance or in which more than two persons have been killed, telegraphic reports of such accidents should be submitted to the Residency, and that detailed accounts and particulars in respect of the same should also be supplied as soon as possible after the occurrence for communication to the Government of India (vide letters Nos. 2362, dated 9th May 1898 and 5696 dated 13th October 1902, from the First Assistant to the Honourable the Resident in Mysore.) But it is stated in the First Assistant Resident's letter No.4415, dated 5th September 1901, that "the Government of India have desired that their Inspector of Mines should secure this information, and there is no reason to anticipate any interference on his part with the independence of the mining experts employed by the Durbar, nor is it intended to cast any reflection on their ability or capacity."

B. Fayal Rau

Director,

30th March 1920. Mysore Geological Department.

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Bangalore, September 1st, 1920.

Dear Mr. Banerji,

I shall be much obliged if your would spare me a half hour to discuss the matter of Gold Prospecting and Mining in Mysore so that I can imform Mr. Henry Taylor how the matter has progressed since his last conversation on the subject with you.

I am stopping in Bangalore till Friday.

Yours sincerely,

Sd. P. Bosworthsmith

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To

The Secretary,

Messrs. John Taylor & Sons,

Oorgaum, K.G.F.

Sir,

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As Mr. A.R.Banerji, M.A., I.C.S., C.I.E., First Member of Council, informed your Mr. Henry Taylor and Mr. P. Bosworth Smith while discussing the matter of gold prospecting and mining in Mysore some month ago, the Durbar are anxious to have some serious attempts made in the direction of carrying on prospecting and mining operations in respect of gold in fresh areas not hitherto exploited in the State. They are aware that, as pioneers in this field of work, the firm of Messrs. John Taylor & Sons are in a peculiarly favourable position in this respect, possessing as they do an intimate knowledge and experience of Indian and especially Mysore conditions. They therefore wish to know whether your firm are prepared to undertake gold prospecting in the State on the terms contained in the enclosed copy of what is known as the "Hogarth Concession", which is a concession offered to a Mr. Francis Hogarth of London several years ago and revised in the year 1910 for the formation of a Syndicate for the purpose of carrying on, within the Territories of Mysore, Prospecting, Development and Preliminary Mining Operations in respect of gold.

2. In the event of negotiations being entered into formally, the terms of any concession which might be mutually agreed

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY.

*Telegraphic Address:-*
COMMITTEE" OORGAUM.

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MESSRS. JOHN TAYLOR & SONS' COMMITTEE,
Geol 60-7-13
OORGAUM,
SOUTH INDIA,
DECEMBER. 30. 1920.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY
TO THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS
THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE,
BANGALORE.

Sir,

GOLD PROSPECTING IN MYSORE.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter, No.G.12375/Geol.60-17-12, of the 24th instant and to state that your enquiry has, as desired, been referred to Messrs John Taylor & Sons by this week's English Mail.

The matter will also be brought before Mr.Arthur Taylor as soon as can be conveniently arranged after that gentleman's arrival at Kolar, about the 15th proximo.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

SECRETARY & TREASURER.

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MESSRS. JOHN TAYLOR & SONS' COMMITTEE,
OORGAUM,
SOUTH INDIA.

JULY. 6. 1921.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY

TO THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS

THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE,

GENERAL & REVENUE SECRETARIAT,

BANGALORE.

Sir,

GOLD PROSPECTING IN MYSORE.

With further reference to your letter, No.G 21711/Geol, of the 18th May last, I have the honour to enclose herewith copy of a communication dated the 16th ultimo received from Messrs John Taylor & Sons, receipt of which please acknowledge.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

SECRETARY & TREASURER.

COPY

JOHN TAYLOR & SONS. 6, QUEEN STREET PLACE,
LONDON, E.C.4. 10th JUNE 1921.

E. BENNETTS ESQ:
SECRETARY
MESSRS JOHN TAYLOR & SONS' COMMITTEE.

Dear Sir

With reference to your letter of May 19th last enclosing correspondence with the Secretary of the Government of Mysore on the subject of Prospecting in the Mysore State, we would state that this matter was dealt with at an interview which Mr. Arthur Taylor had with Mr. Banerji and other Officials of the Government in Bengalore in March last. At that interview Mr.Taylor stated that the prospect offered was not sufficiently strong under prevailing conditions to induce investors to take up prospecting in the Mysore State on the lines of the Hogarth Concession.

If, however, the Government saw their way to taking a substantial part in the cost incurred in the prospecting work, we should be glad to give the matter further consideration. It is understood that the Government do not feel justified in embarking upon such

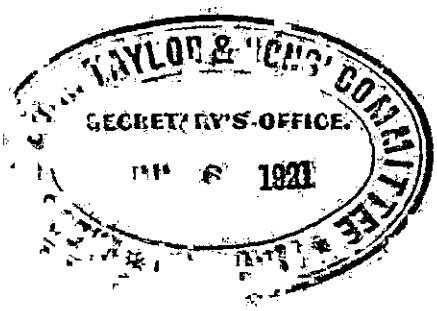
ject at the present time, and the subject must therefore be left in abeyance for the present.

We are, Dear Sir

Yours faithfull

Sd/- John Taylor & Sons.

Forwarded for the information of the Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore, General & Revenue Secretariat, Bangalore.

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Signed by MM Nesbit

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To The secretary & Treasurer.
Messrs John Taylor & Sons Committee
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Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 6th July 1921 together with its enclosure expressing the views of Messrs John Taylor & Sons regarding the question of prospecting for gold in the State.

I have etc

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Private Secretary to Chief Secretary

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